

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8235–S8321

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3699–3704, and S. Res. 626–627. **Page S8302**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet. (S. Rept. No. 112–258)

S. 3523, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend protection to fashion design. (S. Rept. No. 112–259) **Page S8302**

Measures Passed:

Date for Counting Electoral Votes: Senate passed H.J. Res. 122, establishing the date for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2012. **Page S8251**

Maniilaq Association: Senate passed H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8308**

Durbin (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3423, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8308**

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 4053, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending. **Page S8308**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 2388, to reauthorize and amend the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8308–18**

Durbin (for Begich) Amendment No. 3424, of a perfecting nature. **Page S8313**

Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 439, expressing the sense of the Senate that Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC should eliminate the “adult entertainment” section of the classified advertising website backpage.com, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8318–20**

2012 Heisman Memorial Trophy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 617, congratulating the recipient of the 2012 Heisman Memorial Trophy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8320**

Designating the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, designating the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. **Page S8320**

Video Tape Service Provider: Senate passed H.R. 6671, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet. **Pages S8320–21**

Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8236–37**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3395, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3397 (to Amendment No. 3396), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3398 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3399 (to Amendment No. 3398), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3400, to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3401 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3400), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3401), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3395 (listed above); and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, December 21, 2012. **Page S8273**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; that there be up to one hour of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Pages S8251–74**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designation of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized

System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–64)

Pages S8299–S8300

Brann, Mannion, and Tigar Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Matthew W. Brann, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Malachy Edward Mannion, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Jon S. Tigar, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S8273**

Messages from the House: **Page S8300**

Measures Referred: **Page S8300**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8300**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8298–99**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8305–08**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S8308**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S8308**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine recovering from superstorm Sandy, focusing on rebuilding our infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation; Yolanda Chavez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development,